

## SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Misses Margaret and Constance Stephenson, of Warm Springs, will give a house party at their country home near that resort for the next several weeks. They have frequently visited relatives and friends in Richmond, and have been much entertained in this city. The Misses Stephenson will have as their guests for the house party, Miss Ella Claire Cutts, of Savannah, Ga.; Frederick G. Pollard, of this city; Jack Stephenson and Miss Mary Butler, of "Poplar Grove," Matthews County. Miss Butler is spending a few days in Richmond this week prior to her departure for the Warm Springs.

Numerous affairs have been planned for the Misses Stephenson and their guests during the coming weeks. They will motor to the White Sulphur and the Hot Springs for several functions, and will attend the dances given each week at the Warm.

**At the Orkney.**  
Mrs. John D. Blair, Mrs. Beverly Hargrove, and her two children, and Miss Lela Archer, of this city, have been spending several weeks at the Orkney Springs. Mrs. Blair expects to return to Richmond some time this week.

**Stay-at-Home Whist Club.**  
The Stay-at-Home Whist Club met last Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. C. W. P. Brock, 206 East Franklin Street. There were two tables engaged and the highest score was made by Mrs. M. K. Anderson and Admiral Harrie Webster. The club will meet again next Monday evening with Mrs. Brock.

**Attend Dance.**  
A number of Richmond girls attended the dance given at the Brandon Hotel in Basic City last Saturday evening. It was a very brilliant event and the ballroom was decorated in evergreens and flags and the Blue Band played for the dancing. The porch outside the ballroom was hung with Japanese lanterns, and a buffet supper was served there at 11 o'clock. There were 200 couples dancing, and some of the Richmond girls present were Misses Nellie Talbot, Lola Brown, Elizabeth Clemmer, Dorothy Lettich, Jean Smith, Gertrude Carter, Kate Taylor, Mrs. H. L. Gordon, Miss Annie Duke, Walter, Mrs. E. W. Bowles, Miss James Magraw and many others.

**Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Byrd.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Edmund E. Byrd entertained a limited number of guests at their home in Winchester Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Anna Porter, of Washington and Manassas, and Representative Henry D. Flood, of Appomattox. The guests were recently announced, and whose marriage will form a notable social event of the fall. Dancing was the principal amusement of the evening, the music being furnished by an orchestra. A buffet supper was served. Besides Winchester people, a number of army officers and their wives were present. Miss Porter left yesterday morning.

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for "Annaburg," her home at Manassas. She is leaving for a trip abroad in August, returning in the fall. Miss Porter is much admired in Winchester.

No date has as yet been set for the wedding of Miss Porter and Mr. Flood, but it is expected that it will take place in the early fall. The couple are to make their home for the greater part of the time in Washington. Mr. Flood is chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the House of Representatives, and is one of the leading men in the present Congress. He represents the Tenth Virginia District.

**Engagement Announced.**  
I. Schwarz, of New York, announces the engagement of his daughter, Josephine, to Maurice M. Trezer, of this city. No date has as yet been announced for the wedding.

**In the North.**  
Miss Grace Nugent, of 1902 West Main Street, left the city for an extended Northern trip. She will visit her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colman, at their country home at Gillette, N. J., and from that place will go to Albany, Troy and Schenectady.

**Greenwood-Burch.**  
William B. Greenwood and Miss Katherine B. Burch, of this city, were married in Norfolk Thursday evening, July 24.

**In and Out of Town.**  
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## SEVERAL SEATS WILL BE FILLED

Special Elections Ordered, Made Necessary by Vacancies in Legislature.

SPECIAL SESSION SOON

Five Counties Must Choose New Representatives on September 9.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch]

Raleigh, N. C., July 29.—Official writs were issued from the office of Governor Craig to-day for the special elections to be held in five counties for the election of successors to members of the General Assembly, who have resigned, the elections to be held on September 9. This will give from September 9 to September 24 for the certification of the results of the elections and for preparing the credentials for the new members before the Legislature convenes on the latter date. The elections are to be held in Wilson, Ireddell, Franklin, Pamlico and Mecklenburg counties. George W. Connor, of Wilson, who was Speaker of the House, resigned to take a judicial appointment from Governor Craig; Senator A. D. Watts, of Ireddell County, resigned to become collector of internal revenue for the Western Carolina District; H. L. Gibbs resigned his seat in the House from Pamlico County to become State Fish Commissioner, and the seat of W. G. McLaughlin, of Mecklenburg County, was vacated by the death of Mr. McLaughlin a few days ago.

Attorney-General Bickett has ruled that Hon. J. P. Cook, one of the Senators from the Twenty-fourth District, does not have to resign on account of being appointed treasurer of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company. There is a similar ruling as to W. T. Woodley, of Chowan County, who is the member of the Senate from the First District. He is allowed to take the place of steward of Central Hospital, here, and retain his seat in the Senate.

**Fugitive Is Found.**  
A requisition was issued to-day by Governor Craig for Charles Austin, a negro from Franklin County, who was sentenced in 1904 to thirty years in the penitentiary and escaped after serving only five months. He has been located in Newark, N. J., and Warden Sales, of the State's prison, has gone to New York to bring him.

Assistant Secretary of State W. S. Wilson has returned from Caswell County, where he was called on account of the desperate illness of his sister, Mrs. Hodges. She is better now, and indications are that she will recover.

**Charters Issued.**  
The Ideal Candy Co., of Charlotte, is chartered with \$50,000 capital authorized and \$25,000 subscribed by C. J. Livingston, H. E. Enoch and Charles R. C. Ward, of Winston-Salem, for a candy manufacturing plant at Charlotte with branch plants at any other points desired.

Another charter is for the Carolina Coast Products Co., of Southampton, capital \$250,000 authorized and \$125,000 subscribed by Joseph F. and Irving B. Meares, of Wilmington, the company to conduct a general fishery business, maintaining boats, packing and otherwise handling fish for commercial purposes and also fish scrap and similar products.

The Southern Public Utilities Co., chartered under the laws of the State of Maine, with \$500,000 capital for electric light and power, street railway and other lines of business, and papers of domestication under the laws of North Carolina to-day, with principal office for North Carolina in Charlotte. The officers are Z. V. Taylor, president; W. C. Parker, secretary; and E. C. Marshall, treasurer.

There is also a domestication for the Beaver Co., of Canton, Ohio, which has \$2,000,000 capital, for manufacture of wood pulp board. The principal office for North Carolina is Roanoke Rapids, and M. H. Chase is named as the agent in charge for this State.

**Tells of Fine Crop.**  
Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, just back from a trip through Western and Central Carolina and a month's stay at his plantation near Charlotte, declares that he has never known such a fine crop in North Carolina. This applies to cotton, corn and all other crops. Small grain, including wheat, oats and other grains, are just about the best on record both in quality and in volume of yield. In all his travels he has seen only two farms that could be said to be at all "grassy," and these were in widely separated sections. He says cotton seems to be as well advanced at this time as it was by the middle of August last season. He found the farmers in high spirits wherever he went, and that is needed to round up a record-breaking success this season for the favorable conditions to continue to the maturity of the crops and for the condition of the country to be such as will give them adequate prices for their produce.

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## THALHIMER'S

White Goods At Greatly Reduced Prices

12 1/2c Value Dimity Pajama, Ideal for pajama making, 8 1/2c 27 inches wide, only 12 1/2c

25c Value Fine, Sheer Organdy, 50-inch width; a very special for 12 1/2c

25c Value Fine Pique, large wale, 27-inch; for separate skirt-making and children's wear, 15c

20c Value, 36-inch Pique, Bedford cord effect; only limited quantity left, to go at 20c

20c Value Fine Voile, having that crisp finish; that wanted 40-in., only 19c

25c Value Novelty Crepe, for cool summer wear; they need no ironing; for waists, dresses and underwear, at 12 1/2c

Embroidered Dotted Crepes, new lot just received, 27 inches wide; the season's novelty 25c

Ratone Voiles, 38 inches wide; a very stylish fabric for summer wear, 50c

Ratone, 36 inches wide; the heavy weight and rough finish that's popular these days 50c

Also 27-in. Ratone, very stylish, 25c, 20c and 19c

Imported White Rose English Suits, strongest and most durable fabric made; indestructible linen finish; not impaired in laundering; 36-inch, 18c

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## ANTWERP CELEBRATES MEMORABLE EVENT

Golden Jubilee of Recovery of Freedom of River Scheldt.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.

KING ALBERT has just been assisting at Antwerp in the golden jubilee of an event of which, curiously enough, no mention is made in the encyclopedias and analogous works of reference, and yet which was of sufficient importance to have been commemorated during the past ten days by all sorts of public rejoicings, in this, perhaps the principal seaport of Continental Europe.

It is the celebration of the recovery by Antwerp of the freedom of the river Scheldt, in July, 1863, by means of a cash payment of \$8,000,000 to the Dutch government. In return for this, Holland surrendered her treaty rights to levy tolls amounting anywhere from 70 cents to a dollar per ton, on shipping passing up the river.

Then after his long sleep of more than 50 years, prosperity came back to Antwerp. Trade began to flourish once more, foreign shipping made it their principal port of call, new docks were built, and the population of the city increased from 40,000 to which it had dwindled, into near 70,000 today. If Antwerp was enabled to thus buy the freedom of the river Scheldt from Holland, it was because the money for the purpose was advanced by England, in a loan which has long since been repaid.

The mouth of the Scheldt is still in the possession of the Dutch, and it is because the Belgians dread that in spite of their payment for the freedom of the mouth of the river, Holland may restore this tax, that she is bringing every indirect national as well as foreign, to bear upon the Dutch, in order to prevent their carrying out their avowed intention of building an up-to-date fortress, armed by the heaviest guns, at the mouth of the Scheldt, commanding its entrance. It is not so much that the Belgians fear Holland alone, as they do the possibility that the Netherlands may become subject in one way or another to the domination of Germany, which would not hesitate to restore the tax, with the object of benefiting Dutch and Teuton merchants at the expense of Antwerp.

This is a nightmare of the Belgians, and more especially of the people of Antwerp, recurs to them whenever they gaze upon the armorial bearings of the city, which have as their central feature a giant's castle with seven mailed hands. According to the popular story, a wicked giant, Druon Antigonius, built in pre-Christian times a castle on the banks of the Scheldt, on the site of the present Antwerp, and levied heavy tolls on all craft plying on the Scheldt. When the masters of the boats refused to pay, he cut off one of their hands, and threw it into the river. This is generally believed to have been the origin of the city's Flemish name, Antwerpen, "Ant" standing for "hand," and "werpen" meaning "to throw." But the giant was eventually slain by Saladin Brabo, a lieutenant of Julius Caesar, who stormed the castle, killed the giant, and then with a delicate wit, threw the latter's own hand into the river. Scheldt. The memory of Brabo and of his freeing the river Scheldt from the hand-giant, and the victory of Druon Antigonius, is commemorated by a superb statue in front of the city hall.

King Albert, since long before his accession to the throne, has always displayed a particular interest in the fortunes and prosperity of Antwerp, and is actively promoting the construction of the tunnel beneath the Scheldt, which will enable the river's water to flow directly to the sea, and is now wholly situated on the right bank of the Scheldt, to expand on the left bank.

Surprise has been expressed that neither of the two sons of King Albert, nor yet he himself prior to his accession, should have been invested with the title of Duke of Antwerp, since it is far and away the most important city of Belgium. The reason for this, however, is that the title of Marquis of Antwerp is one of the dignities inherited by Prince Alain Rohan, head of the historic house of Rohan, which has been in the family for more than 400 years. The Marquis of Bouillon, upon whom it was originally bestowed, Prince Alain de Rohan is also Duke of Bouillon and Marquis of Salm. The now Austrian Rohans are the only real Rohans. The French nobleman known as the Duc de Rohan

is not strictly speaking a Rohan, but a Chabot.

Count Assen von Hartenau, who has just graduated from the Austrian University of Graz, as a doctor of laws, is a son of the late Prince Alexander of Battenberg. It may be recalled that after having resigned for some time over Bulgaria, the prince was kidnapped, carried off into Russia, permitted to return, and then forced to abdicate by Emperor Alexander III, who defected him. He was engaged to be married to the Kaiser's sister, Victoria, now the wife of Prince Adolf Schaumburg-Lippe. But on the very eve of the date appointed for his wedding at Windsor Castle, he, without warning any one, contracted a morganatic marriage at Menton, on the Riviera, with a Darmstadt actress, Johanna Loisinger. It is said that he took this step because of a private warning which he had received to the effect that he would incur the lasting enmity of the Kaiser and of the then Chancellor of the German Empire, Prince Bismarck, if he persisted in marrying Princess Victoria.

After his marriage he surrendered his title and name to the Emperor of Germany, and obtained from his kinsman, the late Grand Duke of Hesse, the title of Count Hartenau, under which he took service in the Austrian army, dying at Graz, as general manager of the Imperial Austrian Brigade there. He was survived by a son and daughter, and by his widow, whose parents were the valiant and cool of a dear old general on the retired list of the Austrian army, making his home at Prestburg, where she was born. Neither the Battenberg family, nor any of the royal relatives of Prince Alexander of Battenberg, have kept up intercourse with the widowed Countess of Hartenau and her children.

Up to the time of the outbreak of the Balkan war last autumn, there was a strong party in Bulgaria, which, holding in kindly and grateful remembrance Prince Alexander, as first ruler of the country, favored the idea of placing his son on the throne of Sofia, in lieu of the unpopular King Ferdinand. They could not forget that Prince Alexander had fought bravely as an officer of the Russian army, in the war against the Turks, and that he had secured Bulgarian independence, and that he had also led their army to brilliant victory in the battle of Slivnitza, in 1885, and in the subsequent engagements near the cities of Plovdiv and Zlatograd, inflicting overwhelming defeat on the Serbians, and forcing King Milan to flight.

King Ferdinand endeavored to nip these schemes by granting the lad a commission in the Bulgarian army, by endeavoring to attach him to his family by ties of gratitude. But the count permitted his head to be turned by the demonstrations of affection with which he was welcomed wherever he went in Bulgaria, as the son of his father. He allowed himself to be hailed, not as Count Hartenau, but as Prince Assen of Battenberg, and even as Prince Assen of Bulgaria, the name by which titles he had, of course, any vestige of right. Finally, he became so deeply involved in the intrigues of the foes of the dynasty of King Ferdinand, that the latter was led thereby, not merely to deprive him of his commission, but even to throw him into jail.